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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Requirements for U-2 Reconnaissance over
the Sino-Indian Border

The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance has prepared and approved the attached paper. It is distributed for the information of the Board and for its consideration should any member so desire. The Director of Central Intelligence may wish to use this paper in discussions with the Special Group.

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Executive Secretary

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Requirements for U-2 Reconnaissance
over the Sino-Indian Border

1. The last U-2 reconnaissance of the Sino-Indian border occurred in January 1963, the last of a series of 5 missions which covered most of the important COMOR targets. A number of secondary targets were not covered. In addition to the current intelligence derived, a base-line of information was obtained from which we can gauge future changes.
2. With the onset of the spring, there is the possibility of renewed invasion of the disputed territory on the Sino-Indian border.
3. It is of considerable importance to the United States Government to know of developments in this area both in terms of political decisions and in terms of military aid.
4. It is recommended that during April and May U-2 reconnaissance of this border area be conducted for the purpose of covering the selected targets which will be submitted directly to Operations for planning. The targets of principal interest are the airfields, road network and construction, military cantonments, and the possible storage of military supplies.
5. Recoverage of this area may be required at a later date.

However, it is proposed that a decision on such reconnaissance by

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be postponed pending the results of the recommended April-May
reconnaissance.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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